

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: Barbara A. Casey
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.
David L. Romero
Vincent Howell

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Trujillo, City Manager
Maire Lopez, Recorder
Corinna Laszlo-Henry, City Attorney
Juan Montano, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Romero asked for a moment of silence to pray for the City of Las Vegas Public Officials.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Howell recommended moving Executive Session before Business Item #3, in order to discuss personnel matters, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| David A. Ulibarri, Jr. | Yes | Barbara A. Casey | Yes |
| Vincent Howell | Yes | David L. Romero | Yes |

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendments made. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| Barbara A. Casey | Yes | David L. Romero | Yes |
| Vincent Howell | Yes | David A. Ulibarri, Jr. | Yes |

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10th, May 17th and May 30th, 2017 with changes submitted to City Clerk. Councilor Romero and Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| David L. Romero | Yes | Vincent Howell | Yes |
| Barbara A. Casey | Yes | David A. Ulibarri, Jr. | Yes |

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón informed that there were no appointments at this time although reported that Housing Director Carmela Martinez would be retiring from the City of Las Vegas Housing Authority at the end of this month, she congratulated and thanked her for her service to the City of Las Vegas.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Recorder Maire Lopez read the proclamation on behalf of Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón along with members of the Governing Body recognizing Jimmy and Lisa Saiz,

thanking them for all the contributions they have made to the community and proclaiming June 13th, 2017 as “Lisa and Jim Day”.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Jimmy and Lisa Saiz for their service and presented them with the key to the City of Las Vegas for all they do for the City, their employees and the community. Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that the San Miguel County Commission had approved and adopted a proclamation recognizing Jimmy and Lisa Saiz as well.

PUBLIC INPUT

Wid Slick summarized information regarding Lodger’s Tax collection and advised it had increased the last 3 years by using New Mexico Tourism, special event marketing and Cisneros Design social media marketing. Mr. Slick spoke of the benefits that would come with a 12% increase of Lodger’s Tax. Mr. Slick spoke of the importance of the City’s Community Development Department working together with other economic development organizations and the positive impact it would have on the City’s economy.

Pat Leahan spoke regarding her strong support of Bob and Caroline Pearson in their efforts regarding the Refugee Resolution and hoped that the resolution would pass. Ms. Leahan informed everyone that Bob Wessely was in the hospital recovering from an infection which resulted from a fall and asked everyone to give him the chance to rest and heal at this time. Ms. Leahan stated that Chief of Police Montano and Deputy Chief Jenkins were such a good representation of this community in the acceptance of diversity, cultures and language and stated that the UWC students could always count on them and the department to meet their needs when asked.

Sonya Berg informed that she was in support of the Refugee Resolution and stated that Amnesty International had conducted a rally on 7th and Mills to support the “#No Ban/No Wall” and intended to continue that effort until it would go to the Supreme Court and asked if the community would be welcoming and accept the idea of this place being a safe place for refugees.

Karyl Lyne spoke regarding her support of the Refugee Welcoming Resolution and stated that this was already a community of diversity and encouraged everyone to listen carefully and to support the resolution.

Joe Carvalko informed of his ancestors who fought for equality and American values which have always been the acceptance of immigrants and stated that he was in support of the refugee resolution.

R.Chris Wolf, Alta Vista CEO gave a detailed update regarding the Alta Vista Regional 2016 Community Benefits Report.

Patrick Rucker advised that he and his wife Karyl Lyne were “one voice” in supporting the Refugee Resolution because they felt so strongly about it, that it was the right thing to do and hoped for the support in order to move forward.

Cathy Swedlind spoke of her support of the Refugee Protection Resolution and informed that New Mexico historically had been a state of protecting refugees, advised that Las Vegas was a city of heart and compassion in caring for those in need and that it was a statement of who we are.

Joe Whiteman advised that he was in support of the refugee resolution and that it would come with hazards and risks although felt that we were big enough to take on those risks and hoped that our compassion would shine through.

Rosalie López spoke in support of the Refugee Resolution and that everyone needed understanding and compassion for the needs of the less fortunate and felt it was very important to support the idea of helping refugees at the time of need.

Councilor Howell stated that under the Open Meetings Act, presenters should be listed under “Presentations”.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that the names of the presenters should have been listed under “Presentations” and apologized for the oversight.

PRESENTATIONS

Carol and Bob Pearson, members of Presbyterian Church's Mission and Peace Committee, Coordinators of the Las Vegas Amnesty International Group and New Mexico State coordinators for Amnesty International presented and gave a detailed report regarding the Welcoming Refugee Resolution. This resolution would support refugees, who are people that have fled their countries facing persecution, war and violence, and have a legitimate fear of returning to their country and would aid in the resettlement of refugees and it did not pertain to sanctuary or immigrants.

Councilor Howell asked if there had been any interest in any refugees coming to Las Vegas.

Mr. Pearson informed that the New Mexico Catholic Relief Services and Lutheran Family Services in Albuquerque had previously dealt with resettlement and Interface Alliance in Santa Fe hoped to resettle 100 refugees and advised those were the only cities that he knew were talking about resettling refugees.

Councilor Howell asked if the refugee offices in Albuquerque had discussed potential refugees coming in with municipality leadership.

Mr. Pearson advised he believed possible refugees for resettlement were referred to these agencies which would then use their resources combined with Federal Government aid and stated that he did not know what the process was of connecting with City Government.

Councilor Casey informed of an opportunity she once had in participating in a mission with the United Nations in Central America, stationed at the border between Honduras and Salvador and spoke of the several tragedies that she witnessed there and felt strongly about accepting refugees into this country and that Las Vegas should be welcoming to refugees and was in support of this resolution and hoped to move it forward.

Councilor Romero stated that the life of a refugee would be hard to handle and thought it was good that the City could help.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pearson for their presentation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

City Manager Trujillo reported that San Miguel County had committed to increase their funding for the Senior Citizens Center to \$45,000.00 for the next fiscal year and that the Pecos Senior Center would stay open. He reported that negotiations were taking place with San Miguel regarding El Bado Land Grant for the use of the center in San Miguel. City Manager Trujillo stated that he had met with San Miguel County several times to discuss an RFP that would be advertised for ambulance service.

City Manager Trujillo advised that the City had agreed to give both farmers markets Wednesday and Saturday to operate; it had been successful so far and reported that crews had been working hard on corridors and parks, in preparation for the 4th of July Fiestas.

City Manager Trujillo informed that he and Councilor Howell had met with business representatives and attended an Independent Business Alliance meeting to find out what the City could do to help local businesses and informed they would meet with different business owners every Thursday until all were met.

City Manager Trujillo reported that they are working closely with MainStreet regarding revising the sidewalk and vacant building ordinances and stated that not only enforcement of ordinances would be looked into but helping owners restore their buildings, bringing opportunity to open up businesses. City Manager Trujillo informed that buildings on Bridge Street were deteriorating and that City of Las Vegas Grant Writer Robert Archuleta and MainStreet were addressing those issues. He informed that Mr. Archuleta was obtaining a CLG grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 that would be used to pay for windows at the Fire Department and was applying for funding that would go towards installing a fire pole on the Bridge Street Fire Department and also was looking for more funding that would be utilized by the City of Las Vegas Museum.

City Manager Trujillo advised that OSHA had investigated City Hall for mold, due to the previous flooding that had occurred and informed that there were no signs of mold.

City Manager Trujillo advised that training for Administrative Assistants was completed and the focus was now on training other departments with the help of Workforce Solutions. He informed that New Mexico Department of Transportation had delayed the project on South Grand Avenue, would be advertised in February 2018 and stated it would give the City time to repair utility crossings on Grand Avenue.

City Manager Trujillo reported that Robert Archuleta was seeking funding for property to purchase in order to build a skate park and the City was looking into the location of Valencia Street parking lot. He informed that Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry was working with an architect regarding the old New Mexico State Police building that would house Utilities Customer Service and possibly accommodate other City offices.

City Manager Trujillo informed that Police vehicles and Solid Waste trucks had been delivered along with the trailer used to transport green waste to Wagon Mound and reported that Mr. Archuleta was working on grants for the Farmers Market on Hot Springs Boulevard and also working with Community Development to rezone that area and added that conceptual plans would be brought to Council for approval in order to move forward.

City Manager Trujillo advised that the City's Water Attorneys and Hydrologists wanted to present an update on the Storrie Lake application to Council and would hopefully schedule it for next months' Work Session. He advised that the Gas Departments' senior employees had earned their gas qualifications for operations as well as the newer gas employees and added that Jessie Montoya and Jude Herrera earned their Fusion Certifications. City Manager Trujillo reported that Margaret Silva from Solid Waste Department earned her CDL being the first female in the City to do so and advised that the water distribution project was completed on Taos Street, repairing the leaking pipeline crossing the Gallinas River. He reported that work was being done to improve waste water quality and noted that the Waste Water Department passed inspection performed by the New Mexico Environmental Department. City Manager Trujillo thanked all City employees as well as Summer Youth employees for all their hard work.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos presented the Finance Report for the month ending May 31, 2017, reporting the General Fund revenue at 93% and expenditures at 82%.

Finance Director Gallegos reported the Recreation Department revenue came in at 71% and advised that expenditures were at 97% and informed that they were implementing procedures for additional revenue.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that Enterprise Funds revenue was 91% and reported 77% for expenditures and advised that some projects were still pending although would monitor those projects with hopes of completing by the end of the year and advised the budget and the end of the year report would be brought to Council in July for approval in order to be submitted to DFA.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Grant application through the Department of Justice for the Las Vegas Police Department.
2. Approval to accept funding through the Department of Finance and Administration Law Enforcement Protection Fund for the Las Vegas Police Department.
3. Approval of Out of State travel for the City's (2) Animal Control Officers to attend a Chemical Immobilization class in Boulder Colorado, to become certified in the chemical immobilization of dangerous animals as an alternative to lethal force.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| Barbara A. Casey | Yes | Vincent Howell | Yes |
| David A. Ulibarri, Jr. | Yes | David L. Romero | Yes |

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval of Ordinance 17-02, amendment to the Official Zoning Map for property.

Councilor Howell made a motion to conduct a Public Hearing. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion.

Ordinance 17-02 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE NO. 17-02**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM AN R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE) TO AN R-3 (MIXED RESIDENTIAL ZONE) FOR TRACT 2, BLOCK J, TOWN OF LAS VEGAS, WITH AN ADDRESS OF 910 DON FIDEL STREET, LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO AS REQUESTED BY CARMEN A. MEDINA, (APPLICANT/OWNER).

WHEREAS, Carmen A. Medina, has applied for an amendment to the official zoning map for property located at 910 Don Fidel Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico, to place a single wide mobile home thereon, pursuant to provisions of the Las Vegas City Zoning Code §450, and;

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2017, the City of Las Vegas Planning and Zoning Commission, following adequate public notice, held a public hearing to receive testimony concerning the amendment of the Official Zoning Map to re-zone the property located at 910 Don Fidel Street from an R-1 (Single Family Residential Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone), and on June 5, 2017 adopted a motion recommending approval of the proposed amendment.

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2017, the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, following adequate public notice, held a public hearing to receive testimony concerning the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, hereby **GRANTS** the amendment to the Official Zoning Map by re-zoning and changing the district classification of certain property located at 910 Don Fidel Street from an R-1 (Single Family Residential Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone), and more fully described as follows:

Tract Two (2) containing 0.2327 of an acre, more or less, within Block J of the Town, now the City of Las Vegas, as shown on plat of survey by A's Sunburst Survey Company, dated April 20, 1998, Job No. JDELGADO, filed in the Office of the San Miguel County Clerk, May 8, 1998 in Plat Book 32, Page 236, Document No. 5124.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, hereby adopts the following findings of fact upon which the Council's decision is based:

1. The boundaries of the zones established by the City's Ordinances, the classification of property herein, or other provisions of said Ordinances may be amended whenever public necessity, convenience, or general welfare require.
2. That duly public notice and public hearings were in accordance with the legal requirements and a site plan for the zone change has been provided which is acceptable to the City Council.
3. That an agreement between Property Owner and the City of Las Vegas be executed regarding the recommendations of conditions to be placed on the approved zone change, as submitted by Community Development Staff and agreed to at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting on June 5, 2017, a copy of which is attached.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Tonita Gurulé-Girón, Mayor

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED
AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY**

Corinna Lazlo-Henry, City Attorney

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| Vincent Howell | Yes | David L. Romero | Yes |
| David A. Ulibarri, Jr. | Yes | Barbara A. Casey | Yes |

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

City Attorney Corinna Laszlo-Henry stated that she did not have any power to administer oaths and advised that it was a power with notaries and clerks which she previously researched and provided the information to City Manager.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that the City Attorney had always performed the swearing in.

City Attorney Laszlo-Henry advised that she thought it was more of a custom, and stated that the City Clerk and the Deputy Clerk had that authority, as stated in New Mexico State Codes and Statutes, Section 14-14-3.

Deputy Clerk Maire Lopez advised that the City Manager had the authority to advise the City Attorney to administer overseeing the swearing in for a Public Hearing.

City Manager Trujillo advised that this was a process she had performed in the past and stated that he would like City Attorney Laszlo-Henry to administer the oath.

City Attorney Corinna Laszlo-Henry asked all who wished to speak on the issue, to stand and be sworn in. Antonio Ortega and Carmen A. Medina were sworn in.

Community Development Planning & Zoning Specialist Antonio Ortega advised that Carmen A. Medina owner of a 0.2327 of an acre lot located at 910 Don Fidel Street, Las Vegas New Mexico appeared before the Las Vegas Planning and Zoning Commission. Ms. Medina is requesting that said property be rezoned from the Present R-1 Zone (Single Family Residential) to an R-3 Zone (Mixed Residential). The applicant's intent is to place a single-family mobile home on the property, which is permitted in the R-3 zoning.

Councilor Casey had a question regarding two protest letters regarding the zone change application.

Planning & Zoning Specialist Ortega advised that to his knowledge, no protest letters were filed regarding the zone change for 910 Don Fidel and informed that residents within a hundred feet were notified of the proposed zone change application.

Councilor Casey made a motion to accept the record proper. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| David L. Romero | Yes | Barbara A. Casey | Yes |
| Vincent Howell | Yes | David A. Ulibarri, Jr. | Yes |

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to close Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| Vincent Howell | Yes | David A. Ulibarri, Jr. | Yes |
| Barbara A. Casey | Yes | David L. Romero | Yes |

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-02, amendment to the Official Zoning Map for property. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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|------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| David L. Romero | Yes | David A. Ulibarri, Jr. | Yes |
| Barbara A. Casey | Yes | Vincent Howell | Yes |

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

2. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution No. 17-18, abatement of nuisances located at 1909 Armijo Street.

Code Enforcement Officer Levy Lujan advised that the property noted above had several nuisances on the property. The property had not been cleaned or maintained for several years. Code Enforcement had previously dealt with this property in the past. This property was creating nuisances/hazards to the public health and safety. Request to grant abatement.

Code Enforcement Officer Lujan presented a detailed overview of the violations issued regarding the request for abatement of the property located on 1909 Armijo Street.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. asked if any of the homes on the property were being occupied.

Code Enforcement Officer Lujan advised that one of the homes was being occupied and informed that after some research; found that it had no current utilities.

Lengthy discussion took place on the topic related to landlord/tenant regulations.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17-18, abatement of nuisances located at 1909 Armijo Street. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Resolution 17-18 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 17-18**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING 1909 ARMIJO STREET WHICH IS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY JOE A MONDRAGON TO BE DANGEROUS, COVERED WITH RUINS, RUBBISH, WRECKAGE AND DEBRIS AND A NUISANCE REQUIRING ABATEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-18-5, NMSA, 1978, whenever any building or structure is ruined, or any premise is covered with ruins, rubbish wreckage or debris, the governing body of a municipality may by resolution find that the ruined, damaged and dilapidated building, structure or premises is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety and require the removal from the municipality the building, structure, ruins, rubbish, wreckage or debris; and

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas City Council has received evidence from Community Development/ Code Enforcement as to the condition of a parcel of land described herein, which are owned, occupied or controlled by Joe A. Mondragon , whose address is P.O. Box 423, Cleveland NM 87715, according to the records at the San Miguel County Assessor's Office and described in said records as Town of Las Vegas Lot 10, Block 85 S: 27 T: 16 R:16.

WHEREAS, the property is a public nuisance and the premises are a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety of the community and is in violation of City of Las Vegas Ordinance 301-6 Sections (A) -Littering; (B) -Unsanitary Premises; (C)- Hazardous Premises; (D)- Accumulation of Solid Waste; (G)- Outdoor Vehicle Storage. Items on the premises and visible from the public right of way in violations of City ordinances include but are not limited to excessive solid waste including boards, buckets, plastic, weeds, wood, ashes, tires, couches, syringes, mattresses, branches, and other solid waste not able to be determined off of City right-of-way.

WHEREAS, the City has attempted to notify the legal property owner, Joe A. Mondragon via certified mail, and postings of the violations requiring abatement.

WHEREAS, proper notices personally served upon the property included: a Red Tag

Notice on May 19, 2017; a Notice of Pending Abatement on May 22, 2017. In the face of these notices, the owner has allowed the nuisances to remain and has done minimal work to correct the violations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council, the governing body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico does hereby resolve:

A. That the above described parcel of land is a nuisance pursuant to Section 3-18-5, NMSA, 1978, is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety and requires abatement as follows: All solid waste and vehicles as stated above creating a nuisance to the surrounding neighbors since May 19, 2017 (the date the above inventory was taken) must be removed and properly disposed of and the premises must be left in a clean, level and safe condition.

B. The City shall serve a copy of this resolution on the owner, occupant or agent, including Joe A. Mondragon, in charge of the premises as shown by the records of the County Clerk. If the owner occupant or agent in charge of the building, structure or premises cannot be served within the municipality, a copy of the resolution shall be posted on the building, structure or premises and a copy of the resolution shall be published one time.

C. Thereafter, and within ten (10) days after receipt of a copy of this resolution or of the posting and publishing of a copy of the resolution, the owner occupant or agent, in charge of the building, structure or premises shall commence removing the ruins, rubbish, wreckage and debris or file a written objection with the Municipal Clerk asking for a hearing before the governing body of the City of Las Vegas. .

D. That if a written objection is filed, the Governing Body shall follow the provisions as set forth of 3-18-5 D. NMSA 1978; fix a date for a hearing in its resolution and objection; consider all evidence for and against the removal resolution at the hearing; and determine if its resolution should be enforced or rescinded.

E. Any person aggrieved by the determination of the governing body may appeal to the district court by: giving notice of appeal to the governing body within 5 days after the determination made by the governing body; filing a petition in the district court within twenty days after the determination made by the governing body. The district court shall hear the matter de novo and enter judgment in accordance with its findings.

F. If the owner occupant or agent in charge of the building, structure or premises fails to commence removing the ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris as provided under NMSA 3-18-5 F, the municipality may remove ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris at the cost and expense of the owner. The reasonable cost of removal shall constitute a lien against the building, structure, ruins, rubbish wreckage and debris so removed and against the lots or parcels of land from which it was removed. The lien shall be foreclosed in the manner provided in sections 3-36-1 through 3-36-6 NMSA 1978.

F. The municipality may pay for the costs of removal of any condemned building, structure, wreckage, rubbish or debris by granting to the person removing such materials, the legal title to all salvageable materials in lieu of all other compensation.

H. Any person or firm removing any condemned building, structure, wreckage, rubbish or debris shall leave the premises from which the material has been removed in a clean, level and safe condition, suitable for further occupancy or construction and with all excavations filled.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2017

Tonita Gurule-Girón, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Corinna Laszlo- Henry, City Attorney

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| David A. Ulibarri, Jr. | Yes | Vincent Howell | Yes |
| Barbara A. Casey | Yes | David L. Romero | Yes |

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Howell made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| Vincent Howell | Yes | David L. Romero | Yes |
| David A. Ulibarri, Jr. | Yes | Barbara A. Casey | Yes |

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to reconvene into Regular Session and advised that only matters of personnel were discussed and that no decisions were made. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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|------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Barbara A. Casey | Yes | Vincent Howell | Yes |
| David A. Ulibarri, Jr. | Yes | David L. Romero | Yes |

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

3. Approval/Disapproval to remove Community Development Director, Annette Velarde.

City Manager, Richard Trujillo advised that as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Officers, Directors and Employees, Section 5.07 Departments. D. Department directors are at-will employees who may be suspended or removed by the city manager, subject to approval by the Governing Body.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve to remove Community Development Director, Annette Velarde. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

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|------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| David A. Ulibarri, Jr. | Yes | David L. Romero | Yes |
| Barbara A. Casey | Yes | Vincent Howell | Yes |

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Annette Velarde for her service to the City of Las Vegas.

COUNCILORS' REPORT

Councilor Romero requested that Rodriguez Park Baseball Field be watered.

City Manager Trujillo advised that they were having problems with the pumps in order to water the baseball field.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry informed that she would bring back a status report from the technician regarding needed repairs of the pumps.

Councilor Casey spoke of her concerns regarding the treatment of all City employees and felt that all employees should be treated with dignity and respect and to ensure that others treat them in the same way.

Councilor Casey had a concern pertaining to an article written in the Las Vegas Optic, a statement made by Public Information Officer Lee Einer, stating that the Council had approved the bid for the installment of the floors at City Hall. Councilor Casey stated that it was not true and advised that Council did not know of the first job of replacing floors and were not aware of the second water damage repair being done by the same contractor and advised that she asked Jason Brookes of the Las Vegas Optic to please print facts that can be supported by documentation especially when it pertains to her credibility being questioned.

Councilor Casey announced that the San Miguel County Family and Community Health Council would be hosting the BA to MD Students Program which supports intelligent students interested in the medical field as Physicians and informed that a student from Las Vegas was currently participating in the program. Councilor Casey advised it would be held at the Health Department on 18 Gallegos Road from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilor Howell asked if the situation with lights staying on overnight at Rodriguez Baseball Park had been addressed and stated that the area behind Rodriguez Park was being used for drug/alcohol use and that property was being damaged as well.

City Manager Trujillo advised that the lights being on at Rodriguez Park was already taken care of and would look into the situation of the park issues.

Councilor Howell had concerns of not being able to read the Reader Board, recycling issues at the Solid Waste Department and agreed with Councilor Casey on her statement regarding the treatment of all City employees.

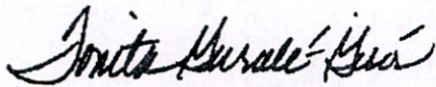
Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. recommended making a public announcement to the community regarding the bandstand/bleachers and seating for the 4th of July Fiestas.

ADJOURN

Councilor Howell made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

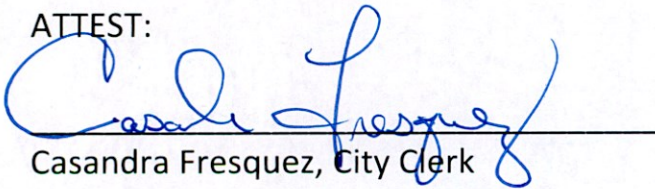
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| David L. Romero | Yes | Vincent Howell | Yes |
| David A. Ulibarri, Jr. | Yes | Barbara A. Casey | Yes |

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk